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FROM: SAF/AQ
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SUBJECT: Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Technology) (USD(A&T)) Memorandum,
“Single Process Initiative and Packaging Policy,” October 10, 1997

The subject USD(A&T) memorandum emphasizes DOD's preference for commercial packaging. We strongly support this action. To achieve cost savings on existing and future contracts, program and item managers need to use commercial packaging practices to the maximum extent practicable, while obtaining appropriate packaging for handling and storage when items enter the military distribution system. Additionally, Program Executive Officers and Designated Acquisition Commanders need to ensure Single Process Initiative packaging proposals from industry are promptly reviewed to implement appropriate changes within the 120 day goal.

The memorandum also requests information from each DOD Component on implementing the new preservation and packaging coding structure requested by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Logistics (DUSD(L)). Our automated materiel management system was designed to accommodate changes such as these so we have separately responded to DUSD(L) to confirm that the Air Force already accomplished the system change. SAF/AQ point of contact is Mr. Ryan Bradley, SAF/AQRE (DSN 225-4980, e-mail, bradley@af.pentagon.mil).

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Attachment
USD(A&T) Memorandum

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
ATTN: SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES
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SUBJECT: Single Process Initiative and Packaging Policy

The Logistics community revamped MIL-STD-2073-1C, the DoD Standard Practice for Military Packaging in October 1996. MIL-STD-2073-1C emphasizes the maximum use of commercial packaging for the Department, and specifies that military packaging is required only on items expected to enter the military distribution system. These exceptions include items intended for war reserve materiel, long-term storage, security assistance programs, or overseas shipments. Implementation of this new standard will result in cost savings on current contracts and cost avoidances on future contracts with no impact on mission accomplishment.

I realize that to take full advantage of the revised MIL-STD-2073-1C, DoD automated materiel management systems must be revised to reflect the new preservation and packaging coding structure. To achieve this goal, I request that all DoD Components evaluate the steps necessary to change their automated systems and report back to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics by November 15, 1997, when they expect that the necessary system changes will be effected.

I encourage all program and item managers to actively lead the change to commercial packaging practices to the maximum extent practicable. You should begin immediately to review all packaging requirements with your industry partners to maximize the cost savings on existing and future contracts. Under the Single Process Initiative (SPI), industry has submitted numerous packaging proposals seeking to capitalize on the DoD's preference for commercial packaging. I expect these proposals to be swiftly reviewed by the packaging community in order to reach agreements with the submitting industry activity within the 120 day goal set by the SPI process.

<signed>

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(Acquisition and Technology)